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From: Ray Shank - KC5UOT <res@mail.org>
To: A4.A4 (SSEGA)
Date: 5/12/98 9:35am
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

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Ray Shank - KC5UOT (res@mail.org) writes:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Hello.

I received an email from a friend that was titled: LMCC DEMANDS 70 CM HAM BAND FOR COMMERCIAL USE. The first paragraph read: The Land Mobile Communications Council has issued a demand to the FCC that it immediately reallocate of most of the 70 centimeter Amateur band over to private mobile operations with private land mobile designated as the primary user. It has the FCC number RM 9267

I read on your home page a paragraph that said: "For the coming year, my agenda will be to advance the Three Cs -Competition and Community with Common Sense." I live in a little community just Northeast of Tulsa in Oklahoma called Claremore. Hams do a lot in keeping our communities safe. We are there when the communities play, I worked the Fair last year as communications. We helped several children "find" their parents after they strayed. I look forward to it and other activities such as the Tulsa Run and other activities. We are there when our communities are under assault. We are trained Storm Spotters. I generally work as Net control when storms roll in. But there are times I also spot. I am a FEMA trained disaster assessment team member, and I (we) do this and more all through donation of our time and resources. Some of those resources include our amateur radio equipment. And most of the uses of this type of "Free Community Service" is done on the 2 and !

70-centimeter ham bands.

I would hope that the FCC view the Amateur Radio Service as one of its assets, and would protect that service from those who would devour it and leave it's bones to dry.
Please retain the Ham bands. We don't take that much room.

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Rhonda Kay Murray (mxrn@preferred.com) writes:

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Mr. Kennard:

I would like to make you aware of the disastrous flood that took place in Carter County Tennessee in January of this year. Due to the suddeness of this flood, and the mountainous conditions of this area, normal lines of communication were faulty, at best. It was with the help of local Amateur Radio Operators (HAMS) that communications were maintained. The Governor of the State of Tennessee recognized these Amateurs for the quick and superior job they did in keeping rescue personnel and Red Cross volunteers informed and in the process saving lives.

It has come to my attention that the Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC) has asked the FCC to immediately reallocate most of the 70-cm Amateur band to the Private Mobile Radio Service (PMRS) on a primary basis. I wish you to know of the important part that the 70-cm band played in the aforementioned disaster.

During the flood of Carter County, phone lines were down, electric was off and so most people, including fire and police, had no means of communication. This area is so mountainous that cell phones could not be utilized. Almost ALL communications took place through mobil Amateurs. Although the 2-meter band was greatly utilized, it could not handle all the traffic necessary. The 70-cm band took up the slack. Without this, more lives could have been lost. I am sure you are aware of the history that "ham" radio has played in our country in wartime and in peace. Please, help us keep the 70-cm band for Amateurs so that we may continue to help our communities and our country. Isn't this more important that lining the already buldging pockets of the PMRS?

Respectfully

Rhonda Kay Murray, RN:KF4QKC

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Mark Durbin (lm.durbin@MCIONE.com) writes:

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Ness,

I am writing in regards to RM-9267. I would like to point out that Amateur Radio operators use this band much like the two meter band, in that emergency traffic is handled during special events or natural disasters. I know for a fact that 70cm band is used as a coordination frequency in the Dallas, Texas area during RACES nets or other health and welfare nets. On top of being used for voice traffic, the 70cm band is also used for weather radar, over Amateur Television, for storm tracking and spotting, which is very instrumental in issueing warnings and watches. This band is also one of the major bands used by Amateur Radio operators as an experimental band. The fact that the 70cm band is the second most used band in Amateur Radio should also be taken into account, many operators have purchased dual band radios to allow use of this band. I would say that with Amateur Radio use on this band, that we should be petitioning for primary use of the band and more protection from situations like this. Please take into account how much more quickly the Amateur Radio society can respond in a disaster, as opposed to the time it takes a company to respond and restore communications into a disaster area. Thank you in advance for you time and consideration of these issues when looking over RM-9267.

Thank you,

Mark Durbin
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